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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/830,559 :  
FILED: MAY 7, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1653  
FOR: NOVEL COMPOUNDS AND :  
PHARMACEUTICAL USE THEREOF :

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of July 16, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 9-29, 35, and 38-40, drawn to a benzene derivative having various formulas; to an agent for treating an autoimmune disease or a disease related to over expression of AP-1 comprising the compound; or, to an AP-1 inhibitor comprising the compound.

**Election of Species** begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 34 of this paper.